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SUBJECT: SANKEI POLL ON MIKI CABINET

SUMMARY: RESULTS JUNE 30 SANKEI TELEPHONE POLL ON MIKI CABINET CONDUCTED WITH 966 TOKYO-OSAKA RESPONDENTS. (A) SUPPORT OF MIKI CABINET GOT 44 PERCENT (MAY RESULTS 43 PERCENT STILL ALL-TIME LOW). COMPARED TO MALE SUPPORT (52), SUPPORT BY FEMALE (37) SEEMS CONSPICUOUSLY LOW, ESPECIALLY VIEW FACT WOMEN'S SUPPORT WAS 62 PERCENT IMMEDIATELY AFTER MIKI TOOK OFFICE. BY AGE, RESPONDENTS IN THEIR 60S COMPRISED HIGH 70 PERCENT, BUT TAPERED OFF TO 35 PERCENT IN THEIR TEENS AND 20S. IN CONTRAST WITH MIKI SUPPORT BY LDP (64), DSP (56) AND JSP (42), 63 PERCENT OF KOMEI SUPPORTERS AND 48 PERCENT OF JCP DID NOT SUPPORT MIKI CABINET. SANKEI ANALYZED THIS AS PROBABLY REFLECTION OF RECENT KOMEI-JCP JOINT ACTION IN CURRENT DIET MANEUVERING. (B) 42 PERCENT CONSIDERED MIKI AN HONEST POLITICIAN, WHILE 34 PERCENT DID NOT THINK SO. (C) MORE THAN HALF RESPONDENTS (66) BELIEVE MIKI ENDEAVORING TO REALIZE PLEDGES HE MADE WHEN HE CAME INTO POWER, WHILE ONLY 23 PERCENT TOOK NEGATIVE VIEW. (D) DESPITE SUCH FAVORABLE OPINIONS, HOWEVER, THOSE WHO SAW MIKI AS DISPLAYING LEADERSHIP IN HIS POLITICAL CONDUCT WERE ONLY 45 PERCENT, AS AGAINST 51 PERCENT WHO QUESTIONED HIS LEADERSHIP. (E) OPINIONS APPROXIMATELY EVEN AS TO WHETHER MIKI CABINET SHOULD PUT EMPHASIS ON PRICE STABILIZATION (48) OR SWITCH TO RECESSION COUNTERMEASURES (45). END

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SUMMARY.

1. ACTUAL QUESTIONS AND RESPONSE FIGURES FOLLOW. MAY PERCENTAGES ARE SHOWN IN PARENTHESES FOR COMPARISON.

2. DO YOU SUPPORT MIKI CABINET, OR DO YOU NOT?: (A) SUPPORT, 44 (43); (B) DO NOT SUPPORT, 31 (27); (C) DK, 25 (30).

3. SOME PERSONS SAY THAT PRIME MINISTER MIKI IS AN HONEST POLITICIAN, DO YOU AGREE, OR DON'T YOU?: (A) AGREE, 42 (39); (B) DO NOT AGREE, 34 (36); (C) DK, 24 (25).

4. WHEN MR. MIKI TOOK OFFICE, HE MADE VARIOUS PLEDGES. DO YOU THINK HE IS ENDEAVORING TO REALIZE THOSE PLEDGES, OR DON'T YOU THINK SO?: (A) ENDEAVORING, 66 (61); (B) DO NOT THINK SO, 23 (25); (C) DK, 11 (14).

5. DO YOU THINK MR. MIKI IS DISPLAYING LEADERSHIP AS PRIME MINISTER IN HIS DEALING WITH POLITICAL AFFAIRS, OR DON'T YOU THINK SO?: (A) DISPLAYING A GREAT DEAL, 4 (2); (B) DISPLAYING SOMEWHAT, 41 (44); (C) NOT MUCH, 46 (47); (D) NONE AT ALL, 5 (3); (E) DK, 4 (4).

6. DO YOU THINK THE MIKI CABINET SHOULD CONTINUE TO PLACE EMPHASIS ON PRICE STABILIZATION, OR SHOULD SWITCH EMPHASIS TO MEASURES TO COUNTER RECESSION?: (A) PUT EMPHASIS ON PRICE STABILIZATION, 48 (46); (B) SWITCH TO RECESSION MEASURES, 45 (47); (C) DK, 7 (7).

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